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Rural District Council of Sevenoaks

REPORT

For the Year 1946 on the Sanitary Conditions and Vital Statistics of the Rural District of Sevenoaks

by the

Medical Officer of Health

Rural District Council of Sevenoaks

HEALTH REPORT FOR 1946.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my Annual Health Report for the year 1946, this being the twenty-fourth presented by me as your Medical Officer of Health.

The population of the District, as estimated by the Registrar-General at mid-year was 30,560, as compared with 28,280 for last year.

The Birth Rate for the year was equal to 19·6 per thousand of population, as compared with 16·1 last year.

A small increase took place in the Death Rate, this being 12·4 per thousand of population, as against 11·9 last year.

The Infantile Mortality Rate was equal to 26 per thousand registered births, as compared with 15 last year and 27 in 1944. This Rate is liable to fluctuate owing to the small numbers involved.

A decrease in the number of Certificates of Notification of Infectious Disease took place, there being 287 Certificates received as against 471 last year. The decrease is mainly due to a much fewer number of cases of Measles being notified.

In presenting this Report, I desire to express my thanks for the help and assistance I have received from the Council and its Officers. I would particularly desire to place on record my thanks for the loyal and efficient services rendered by all members of the Public Health Department.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

P. N. CAVE,
Medical Officer of Health.

Rural District Council of Sevenoaks

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P. J. CHERRY, C.R.S.I.

E. J. A. BETTLE, M.R.S.I., M.R.I.P.H. (also Salvage Officer).

Additional Sanitary Inspectors:

A. D. LOFTS, M.R.S.I.

General Assistant Sanitary Inspector: T. E. OSBORNE (temporary).

Temporary Assistant engaged on Housing: P. CAGE.

Health Visitor:

Mrs. V. M. BUCKLE, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.'s Certificate R.S.I.

(Resigned 19th October, 1946.)

Chief Clerk:

R. H. TERRY.

Assistant Clerk:

Mrs. D. C. NEATE (temporary).

STATISTICS & SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area (in acres)	62,957
Registrar-General's estimate of population, mid-1946	30,560
Number of occupied houses, December, 1946 ...	8,900
Rateable Value of District	£204,709
Sum represented by a penny rate	£810

VITAL STATISTICS.

Live Births:	Total.	M.	F.	Birth Rate per 1,000 of estimated population.
Legitimate	552	299	253	
Illegitimate	48	23	25	
Total	600	322	278	19·6

				Rate per 1,000 (live and still) Births.
Stillbirths	11	6	5	18·0

				Death Rate per 1,000 of estimated population.
Deaths	380	176	204	12·4

	Deaths.	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) Births.
Deaths from puerperal causes:		
Puerperal Sepsis	1	1·6
Other puerperal causes	*Nil*	
	1	1·6

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:—

All infants per 1,000 live births (16)	26
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births (14)	25
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births (2)	41

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	57
do. Measles (all ages)	*Nil*
do. Whooping Cough (all ages)	*Nil*
do. Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	1

VITAL STATISTICS.

Births.—During the year 600 Births were registered as belonging to the District, of which number 322 were males and 278 were females. This is equal to a Birth Rate of 19·6 per thousand of population, as compared with 16·1 last year.

Deaths.—The number of Deaths registered as belonging to the District was 380 (176 males and 204 females). This gives a Death Rate of 12·4 per thousand of population, as against 11·9 last year.

Infant Deaths.—During the year 16 Deaths were registered as occurring in Infants under one year of age. The Infantile Mortality Rate was equal to 26 per thousand registered births, as compared with 15 last year.

	Sevenoaks Rural District.	England and Wales.
Birth Rate	19·6	19·1
Death Rate	12·4	11·5
Infantile Mortality Rate...	26	43

BIRTH RATES, CIVILIAN DEATH RATES, ANALYSIS OF MORTALITY, MATERNAL MORTALITY AND CASE RATES for certain Infectious Diseases in the Year 1946.

	England and Wales	126 County Boro's. and Great Towns including London	148 Smaller Towns Resident Populations 25,000 to 50,000.	London Administrative County	Sevenoaks Rural District
	Rates per 1,000 Civilian Population				
BIRTHS:					
Live	19.1	22.2	21.3	21.5	19.6
Still	0.55	0.67	0.59	0.54	0.35
DEATHS:					
All Causes	11.5	12.7	11.7	12.7	12.4
Typhoid and Paratyphoid	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	—
Scarlet Fever	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	—
Whooping Cough	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	—
Diphtheria	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.03
Influenza	0.15	0.13	0.14	0.12	0.06
Smallpox	0.00	0.00	0.00	—	—
Measles	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	—
	Rates per 1,000 Live Birth				
Deaths under one year of age	43	45	37	41	26
Deaths from Diarrhoea and Enteritis under two years of age	4.4	6.1	2.8	4.2	1.66
	Rates per 1,000 Civilian Population				
NOTIFICATIONS:					
Typhoid Fever	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.03
Paratyphoid Fever	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.01	—
Cerebro-spinal Fever ...	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.06	0.03
Scarlet Fever	1.38	1.51	1.33	1.42	1.51
Whooping Cough	2.28	2.48	2.05	2.22	2.94
Diphtheria	0.28	0.32	0.31	0.24	0.06
Erysipelas	0.32	0.25	0.22	0.27	0.32
Smallpox	0.00	0.00	00.0	0.00	—
Measles	3.92	4.75	3.70	7.35	3.37
Pneumonia	0.89	1.02	0.74	0.75	0.91
	Rates per 1,000 Total Births (i.e. Live and Still)				
NOTIFICATIONS:					
Puerperal Fever	8.50	10.35	7.63	1.62	1.6
Puerperal Pyrexia				9.68	

A dash (—) signifies there were no deaths.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

The following Table shows the number of cases of Infectious Disease notified during the year, together with the number of cases removed to Hospital and the total deaths:

Disease	Number Notified	Removed to Hospital	Deaths
Scarlet Fever	48	27	...
Diphtheria..	2	2	1
Enteric Fever	1	...	...
Erysipelas	10	1	...
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	1	1	1
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	1	...	...
Pneumonia	28	...	13*
Malaria	1	...	...
Dysentery	2	...	...
Scabies	1	...	...
Whooping Cough ...	90	...	...
Measles	103	...	...
TOTALS	287	31	15

* All forms of Pneumonia.

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA.

The following are the details of the work done at the Council's Immunisation Clinic during the year:—

Number of children immunised: Under 5 years ... 380
Over 5 years ... 76
Number of boosting doses given 345

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.

There were no cases of Ophthalmia Neonatorum notified during the year.

TUBERCULOSIS.

The following Table shows the number of new cases of Tuberculosis notified during the year:—

	Notified			Deaths		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Pulmonary	19	14	33	6	8	14
Non-Pulmonary	1	2	3	1	1	2
Totals	20	16	36	7	9	16

Treatment for cases of Tuberculosis is under the control of the Kent County Council, and during the year the following number of patients from this area have received treatment:—

Number receiving sanatorium treatment	27
Number receiving dispensary treatment	34
Dispensary supervision only	117

PUBLIC HEALTH (PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS.
PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936 (Section 176).

No action was required under the above during the year.

LABORATORY WORK.

The bacteriological work in connection with this District is carried out at the Kent County Laboratory, Maidstone, and during the year the following number of specimens have been examined there:—

	Positive	Negative	Total.
Swabs for Diphtheria	—	9	9
Sputa for Tubercle	29	—	29
Widals for Typhoid Fever	1	—	1
Faeces, etc. for Dysentery	1	—	1
Faeces for Typhi-Murium	3	—	3
Swabs for Haemolytic Streptococci ...	2	2	4
Totals	36	11	47

ISOLATION HOSPITALS.

The Isolation Hospitals serving this District are the North and South Isolation Hospitals. The South Isolation Hospital is at present closed, but available in an emergency.

During the year 34 cases were admitted, all being cases of Scarlet Fever.

23 cases were admitted from Sevenoaks Rural Area.

11 cases were admitted from Sevenoaks Urban Area.

DRAINAGE.

During the year the following extensions to the sewers were carried out:—

Halstead	3,931 feet of 9in.
	1,324 feet of 6in.
Housing Sites.	
Dunton Green	445 feet of 6in.
	865 feet of 4in.
Sundridge	740 feet of 6in.
Shoreham	445 feet of 6in.
	255 feet of 4in.
Seal	415 feet of 9in.
Kemsing	205 feet of 4in.
Edenbridge	224 feet of 6in.
	176 feet of 4in.

The number of houses built by private builders was 38, all of which contained water closets, of which

16 were connected to the sewers.
22 were connected to cesspools.

In addition 12 houses were built by the Council, all of which were connected to the sewers.

CESSPOOL EMPTYING.

A scheme for the emptying of cesspools was put into operation in February, 1936. The cesspool contents are disposed of by spreading over farm land at certain selected points (with the intensive cultivation of land the number of disposal points has been materially reduced). No complaints were received during the year under review. Military and other occupation of premises has again had a considerable effect in increasing the number of emptyings, and it has again been necessary for an appreciable amount of overtime to be worked. The total number of cesspools emptied during the year amounted to 1,513, an increase of 51 over the preceding year.

Details of the work carried out are set out below:—

CESSPOOL MACHINES.

Total number cesspools emptied	1,513
Number of loads	2,824·5
Gallons of sewage	2,118,375
Miles travelled	12,108
Petrol consumed	2,202
Miles per gallon (including petrol for vacuum) ...	5·49
Number of working days	271·5
Cesspools emptied per day	5·57
Petrol per day	8·11

CESSPOOLS EMPTIED DURING 1946.

Parish.	Free Emptying.	Charge.
Brasted	54	13
Chevening	19	3
Chiddingstone	36	3
Cowden	21	1
Dunton Green	6	4
Edenbridge	110	8
Halstead	167	25
Hever	78	21
Leigh	8	–
Kemsing	115	11
Otford	132	15
Penshurst	63	3
Riverhead	9	23
Seal	160	23
Weald	72	16
Shoreham	44	1
Sundridge	86	9
Westerham	100	51
Miscellaneous	–	3
Totals	1,280	233

SANITARY STATISTICS.

No. of Houses connected to the sewer	No. of Houses not connected to the sewer	No. of Houses not provided with a piped water supply	No. of wells still in use for purpose of domestic supply
5710	3477	873	270 (approx)

SANITARY CONVENIENCES.

W.C's	Pail or Pan Closets	Midden Privies	Ashpits separate from Midden Privies	Cesspools	
				No. of	No. of houses served
8,472 approx.	657	39	50 (approx.)	2871	1466

WATER SUPPLY.

During the year the following extensions to the water mains have been carried out:—

Otford Palace Estate ... 100 yards of 4in.
Kemsing ... ... 160 yards of 3in.

Housing Sites.

Dunton Green	407 yards of 4in.
Sundridge	152 yards of 4in.
Shoreham	116 yards of 4in.
Halstead	180 yards of 4in.
Seal	192 yards of 3in.

Northern Area.

No complaints were received during the year with regard to the quality of the water.

The following number of examinations of water were carried out during the year:—

	Bacteriological.	Chemical.
Satisfactory	25	6
Unsatisfactory	–	2

Appropriate action was taken in all cases where unsatisfactory results were obtained.

Approximately 89 per cent. of the dwelling-houses are on a piped supply of water from the mains.

Seven houses accommodating 21 persons receive water by means of standpipes.

Southern Area.

No complaints were received during the year with regard to the quality of the water supplied.

During the year the following number of samples have been examined:—

	Bacteriological.	Chemical.
Satisfactory	80	2
Unsatisfactory	6	6

The unsatisfactory samples were collected from wells, and except in one case remedial works which were carried out proved satisfactory.

The following Table gives particulars of the water supply in houses within the area:—

Number connected to the Company's mains ...	2,861
Number supplied by wells or springs	115
Percentage supplied by water mains (approx.) ...	95%
Percentage supplied by wells or springs	5%
Houses supplied by standpipes	7

REFUSE AND SALVAGE COLLECTION.

The collection of house refuse and salvage is carried out by direct labour, four vehicles being employed. The reconditioned lorry obtained in 1941 is still in use for salvage collection and also as an emergency collection vehicle if breakdowns occur. The major difficulties again experienced during the year have been staff replacements, but I am pleased to report that a decided improvement in the staff position took place towards the end of the year under review and it was possible to replace two of the women with men.

Salvage collection has again received as much attention as current conditions would permit, 95 tons of general salvage was disposed of, the approximate receipts being £596.

It is of interest to note that since the inception of the scheme no fewer than 1,478 tons have been collected and the receipts for the sales amounted to £6,027.

A further vehicle has been replaced during the year, two more vehicles are on order.

	Bedford EKP543	Bedford EKP542 †	Bedford EKO107	Dennis HKJ978	Dennis HKP10 ‡	Bedford Salvage GKR500
Miles travelled	5,631	3,978	6,230	7,301	4,394	2,905
Petrol consumed (galls.)	810	536	1,045	1,061	560	349
M.P.G.	6.95	7.42	5.96	6.89	7.84	8.32
Loads collected	550.5	285	371	354.5	215.5	160.5
Average weight/load ...	2	2	2	3	2	

† Replaced by HKP10, 20th July, 1946. ‡ Commenced 4th June, 1946.

HOUSING.

1.—Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the Year.

(1) (a) Total number of houses inspected for housing defects (under the Public Health or Housing Acts) 885

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose... 885

(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head 1 above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 606

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose... 606

(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 5

(4) Number of houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... 413

2.—**Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of Formal Notices.**

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers 46

3.—**Action under Statutory Powers during the Year.**

(a) Proceedings under sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:—
  (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... ... —
  (2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:
    By owners ... ... —
    By Local Authority in default of owners ... —

(b) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts.
  (1) Number of houses in respect of which notices were served requiring refects to be remedied... 12
  (2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:
    (a) By owners 9
    (b) By Local Authority in default of owners... —

(c) Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.
  (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made 3
  (2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ... ... —

(d) Proceedings under section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.
  (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ... ... —
  (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit ... ... —

4.—**Housing Act, 1936, Part IV: Overcrowding.**

(a) (i) Number of dwelling-houses overcrowded at the end of the year 29
  (ii) Number of families dwelling therein 33
  (iii) Number of persons dwelling therein 154

(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year 1

(c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year ... ... —

(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases... —

(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding ... ... —

Number of new houses erected during the year:—

By the Council 12

By other persons 38

SANITARY STAFF.

Three full-time Sanitary Inspectors are employed by the Council, together with an unqualified assistant in the Northern Area. In addition, an unqualified assistant is employed in the Northern Area for housing survey.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

The Kent County Council carries out the Maternity and Child Welfare work for this District.

The following Clinics and Centres have been established for this area:—

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE CENTRES.

Name and Address of Centre.	Day and time of opening.	No. of sessions.	No. of attendances under 1 year. Children	No. of attendances 1-5 years. Children
CROCKHAM HILL				
Women's Institute Hall...	4th Fridays	16	45	159
DUNTON GREEN				
Village Hall	3rd Thursdays	23	378	433
EDENBRIDGE				
Church House	1st & 3rd Fridays	23	432	349
FOUR ELMS				
Village Hall	2nd & 4th Wed.'s	23	142	174
HALSTEAD				
Village Hall	1st & 3rd Thursdays	24	24	437
KEMSING				
St. Edith's Hall	Wednesdays	45	696	779
LEIGH				
Village Hall	1st & 3rd Thursdays	32	281	241
MARKBEECH				
Village Hall	2nd & 4th Tuesdays	23	112	178
OTFORD				
Memorial Hall	1st & 3rd Fridays	23	392	566
PENSHURST				
Village Hall	1st & 3rd Wed.'s	24	184	347
SEAL				
Village Hall	2nd & 4th Tuesdays	23	177	222
SHOREHAM				
Village Hall	2nd & 4th Thursdays	23	215	285
STONE STREET				
St. Laurence Hall	2nd & 4th Fridays	24	176	123
SUNDRIDGE				
Village Hall	1st & 3rd Mondays	24	334	467
WEALD				
Windmill Inn	2nd & 4th Thursdays	23	98	161
WESTERHAM				
Women's Institute	1st & 3rd Thursday	24	334	536

ANTE-NATAL CLINICS.

Name and Address of Clinic.	Day and time of opening.	No. of sessions.	No. of attendances.
DUNTON GREEN: Village Hall	3rd Thursday	12	138
EDENBRIDGE: War Memorial Hall ...	1st Wednesday	12	139
KEMSING: St. Edith's Hall	2nd & 4th Tuesdays	24	371
SUNDRIDGE: Village Hall	1st & 3rd Mondays	23	206

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS.

There are four swimming baths and pools in the District.

During the year four inspections in the Northern Area and one inspection in the Southern Area were made.

It was not found necessary to take any action during the year.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

The number of houses found to be infested during the year was:—

	Northern Area.	Southern Area.
Council houses	2	nil
Other houses	5	1

Southern Area.—In one case the occupiers were supplied with sulphur candles and advised as to their use. This infestation was of a minor character.

Northern Area.—All the infested houses were treated with Zaldecide and sulphur candles.

NURSING FACILITIES.

The District Nursing Association, which is affiliated to the Kent Nursing Association, provides the nursing facilities for the District.

NURSING AND MATERNITY HOMES.

The powers under the Public Health Act, 1936, relating to Nursing and Maternity Homes have been delegated to the Council by the County Council.

There are two registered premises within the District, which provide 14 beds for general cases.

SUMMARY OF REGULATED TRADES.

	Number of Premises	Visits Paid	Defects.	
			Found.	Remedied.
Dairies	197	580	9	7
Cowsheds	189	518	11	8
Slaughterhouses				
Licensed... ...	2	—	—	—
Registered ...	22	—	—	—
Bakehouses	24	60	3	3
Piggeries	3	8	1	1
Other food preparing places	80	224	3	3
Factories Workshops Workplaces	116	110	8	5
Houses-Let-in-Lodgings ...	1	1	1	—
Totals...	634	1501	36	27

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) ORDER, 1936.

The following number of licences have been granted by the Council during the year:—

Pasteurised (supplemental licence) 1
Accredited (supplemental licence) 1
Tuberculin Tested (supplemental licences) 6

MILK INSPECTION.

The following Table shows particulars with respect to the number of samples of milk taken during the year, together with the results of the examinations:—

Designation.		Number taken.	Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.	Negative.	Positive.
Tuberculin Tested...	S	86	72	14	–	–
(Routine)	N	173	140	33	–	–
Accredited	S	124	104	20	–	–
(Routine)	N	32	23	9	–	–
Undesignated ...	S	Nil	Nil	Nil	–	–
(Routine)	N	Nil	Nil	Nil	–	–
Undesignated ...	S	4	–	–	S 3	S 1
(for tubercle)	N	12	–	–	N 12	N Nil
Tuberculin Tested...	S	–	–	–	–	–
(for tubercle)	N	4	–	–	N 4	N Nil
Accredited	S	4	–	–	S 4	S Nil
(for tubercle)	N	2	–	–	N 2	N Nil
School Milk	S	Nil	–	–	–	–
(tubercle)	N	2	2	–	–	–
School Milk	S	Nil	–	–	–	–
(Pasteurised)	N	2	2	–	–	–
Totals		445	343	76	25	1

S—Southern Area. N—Northern Area.

MEAT INSPECTION.

During the year the following number of pigs were slaughtered other than by butchers:—

Northern Area	20
Southern Area	64

MEAT AND OTHER FOOD INSPECTIONS.

The following amounts of foodstuffs were condemned and disposed of as being unfit for human consumption:—

NORTHERN AREA.

Corned Beef	2 cwt. 1 qtr. 13 lbs.
English Beef	1 cwt. 2 qtrs. 4 lbs.
Bacon	14 lbs. 6 ozs.
Sausages	12 lbs.
Fish	24 stone.
Butter	33½ lbs.
Cheese	1 qtr. 12 lbs.
Flour	1 qtr. 23 lbs.
Tinned Food—various	147 tins.
Cornflour	1 qtr. 7 lbs.
Soup Powders	35 packets.
Macaroni	25 lbs.
Biscuits	12 lbs.
Peas	1 qtr. 8 lbs.

SOUTHERN AREA

Corned Beef	61½ lbs.
Fresh Beef	28 lbs.
Lamb	42 lbs.
Bacon	151 lbs.
Cheese	7 lbs.
Sugar	224 lbs.
Butter	18 lbs.
Sausage Rusk	1½ cwts.
Oatmeal	140 lbs.
Rolled Oats	112 lbs.
Coconut Flour	5 lbs.
Tinned Goods:	
Evaporated Milk	39 tins
Full Cream Milk	6 tins
Skimmed Milk	1 tin
Peas	8 tins
Baked Beans	6 tins
Salmon	8 tins
Sardines	6 tins
Pilchards	2 tins
Stewed Steak	2 tins
Pork	1 tin
Meat and Vegetables	2 tins
Treacle	2 tins

Peaches	4	tins
Pears	1	tin
Grapefruit	1	tin
Miscellaneous:		
Fresh Oranges	40	lbs.
Boxed Prunes	25	lbs.
Puffed Wheat	2	packets
Fish	84	lbs.

SHOPS ACTS.

The work under the above Acts is carried out by the Sanitary Inspectors.

During the year the following work has been carried out:—

Southern Area—34 inspections have been made and two verbal notices given.

Northern Area—117 inspections have been made and six verbal notices given.

CAMPING SITES.

In the Southern Area only one camping site was in use, a licence in respect of two persons being given. Two inspections were made.

In the Northern Area one camping site was in use. Two inspections were made.

SMOKE ABATEMENT.

No action was necessary during the year.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

Legal proceedings were instituted in one case with respect to defects in a dwelling-house. A fine was imposed, together with an Order to carry out the work required.

ADOPTIVE ACTS AND BYE-LAWS.

No Acts or Bye-laws were adopted during the year.

DEATHS REGISTERED DURING THE YEAR 1946.

Cause of Death	Males.	Females.	Total.
Typhoid fever	...	...	...
Cerebro-spinal Fever	1	...	1
Scarlet Fever...	...	...	...
Whooping Cough	...	...	...
Diphtheria	...	1	1
Tuberculosis of respiratory system	6	8	14
Other Tuberculous diseases ...	1	1	2
Syphilitic diseases	...	1	1
Influenza	...	2	2
Measles	...	...	...
Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	...	...	...
Acute Infantile Encephalitis ...	...	...	...
Cancer of Bronchial Cavity ...	3	6	9
Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum	2	5	7
Cancer of the Breast	...	6	6
Cancer (all other forms)... ...	18	17	35
Diabetes	2	1	3
Intra cranial vesc. lesions ...	23	35	58
Heart disease...	51	61	112
Other diseases of circulatory system	9	7	16
Bronchitis	12	11	23
Pneumonia	9	4	13
Other respiratory diseases	1	...	1
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum...	4	1	5
Diarrhœa (under two years) ...	1	...	1
Appendicitis	...	2	2
Other digestive diseases	3	3	6
Nephritis	7	2	9
Post and post-abort. sepsis... ...	...	1	1
Other maternal causes	...	...	...
Premature Birth	1	4	5
Congenital malformation and birth injury	3	3	6
Suicide	1	2	3
Road traffic accidents	5	1	6
Other violent causes	4	3	7
All Other causes	9	16	25
TOTALS ...	176	204	380